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Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

Applicant is requested to determine whether the 3-well glass slide of Electron Microscopy Sciences was available as prior art. The slide is catalog number 71561-01 and is shown at www.emsdiasum.com/microscopy/products/grids/accessories.aspx. The slide appears to address the substrate used in the claims. The examiner telephoned the company to ask whether this product was available in 1999 and received an affirmative answer, but was unable to obtain a catalog from that year. Also, in response to this requirement, please provide the names of any products or services that have incorporated the claimed subject matter.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey Fredman whose telephone number is (571)272-0742. If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion can be reached on (571)272-0782. The fax phone number for this application is 703-872-9306.

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